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# Letters

## *Media's role in the Shiite rage for America*

The May 12 *Washington Post* had a Page One story alleging that the CIA had trained terrorists who bombed a car in the Shiite-controlled area of Beirut killing more than 80 people. The CIA had denied the charges, but the *Post* printed the story anyway. The next day the media reported that mobs were running through the streets of Beirut shouting "Death to America" because they believed the *Post* article to be true.

A few days after TWA Flight 847 was taken over by Shiite terrorists, the terrorists said that one motivation for their act was U.S. involvement in the Beirut car bombing incident.

A House select committee, which investigated the car bombing, declared that the CIA was not involved. Freedom of speech does not give one the right to shout "Fire!" in a crowded theater. Freedom of the



press should not give anyone the right to encourage terrorist acts against the United States. Anyone knowledgeable about the Beirut situation would have known that such an article could incite terrorist acts against U.S. citizens. Whose side is the *Post* on?

There is a law against encouraging rebellion against our government. It's called "sedition." There should be a law against encouraging terrorist acts against Americans. The *Post* article made it clear that we cannot rely on common sense anymore.

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